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(*b*) if so, what they are; and

(*c*) what reply was received from the Central Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) A request was made.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The Government of India were requested to arrange for an expert study of the possibility of an iron and steel project in South India and to include the scheme as a Centrally sponsored one in the next Five-Year Plan. They have replied that the question will be considered after large scale mining of lignite is started and carbonized lignite can be made available for reduction of iron ore."

* 1213 *Q*.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government urged the Union Government to examine fully the suitability of Salem for the location of a steel plant;

(*b*) whether a copy of the memorandum submitted by the Parliament Members of Tamil Nad to the Union Government has been received by the State Government suggesting the location of a steel plant in Salem;

(*c*) whether the Government have suggested to the Union Government that the coal available from Neyveli Project can be transported by rail to Salem under local development works for the use of the proposed steel plant; and

(*d*) what are the intentions of State Government with regard to a steel plant in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) Yes, but the Government of India pointed out that the question of utilizing carbonized lignite could be considered only after large scale regular mining of Lignite was started and carbonization was found economically feasible.

" (*d*) The Government are anxious to set up an iron and steel industry in South India and the matter will be pursued and taken up at this appropriate time."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" சோவியத் டெலிகேஷன் இங்கு வந்திருந்தபோது 'காபினட்' சார்பாக பல மந்திரிகள் அவர்களை கண்டு பேசினார்கள். அதற்கு மறுநாள், கனம் கிருஷ்ணமாச்சாரி அவர்கள் இந்தவிதமான 'ஸ்டீல் பிளான்டை' நிறுவுவதற்கு சேலத்தில் வசதியில்லை என்று சொன்னதாகப் பத்திரிகைகளில் பார்த்தோம். இங்குள்ள வசதியைக் கொண்டு, இந்தப் பிரதேசத்திலே 'ஸ்டீல் பிளான்டை', நிறுவ வேண்டும் என்று இங்குள்ள மந்திரிகள் யூனியன் மந்திரியிடம் வற்புறுத்தியதுண்டா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்க யூனியன் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னதாகச் சொல்லப்படும் விஷயத்திற்கும், இப்போது இருக்கின்ற நிலைமைக்கும் முரண்பாடு இல்லை என்று நான்

முன்பே ஒரு முறை விளக்கியிருக்கிறேன். இரும்பில் பல ரகங்கள் இருக்கின்றன. உயர்ந்த ரக இரும்பு 'ஸ்டீல் பிளாண்டிற்கு' தேவை. மட்டமான இரும்பைக் கொண்டு வேறு தொழில்கள் நடத்தலாம். கனம் யூனியன் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னது வேறு விஷயம். இதைப்பற்றி நாம் வீணாக இப்பொழுது சர்ச்சை செய்ய வேண்டாம் என்று கனம் அங்கத்தினரைக் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

Cauvery water for feeding tanks in Musiri, etc., taluks

* 1214 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered investigation into an irrigation scheme for taking water through a canal from the river Cauvery near Mohanur for feeding tanks in Musiri, Perambalur and Udayarpalayam taluks; and

(*b*) whether such a scheme was recommended to them by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) There has been a suggestion to Government in regard to such a scheme and a report was called for from the Special Chief Engineer, Public Works Department. He examined the proposal in some detail and submitted a report which showed that he was not sanguine about the success or suitability of the scheme. The Government agreed with him and no detailed investigation as such was, therefore, ordered."

Tube-wells for Andimadam

* 1215 *Q.*—Sri K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from Sri K. R. Viswanathan, M.L.A., dated 23rd December 1953, that one or two sites for the sinking of tube-wells be chosen in Andimadam firka of Udayarpalayam taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) With reference to the representation of Sri K. R. Viswanathan, M.L.A., the Government of India were requested by this Government to indicate to this Government the procedure that would be followed in the matter of final selection of sites for sinking the tube wells programmed to be sunk in this State under the Indo-U.S. Technical Cooperation Programme. They stated in reply that while the areas already selected by them for sinking the wells were more or less final, the suggestion of this Government in respect of sites in these areas would be considered by the site Selection Committee appointed by them when it visited this